GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

P.S. - Social Welfare Department - Surprise check conducted by the ACB officials in Govt. S.W. College Boys Hostel, Markapuram, Prakasam District on 04.09.2018 - Certain irregularities noticed –Initiated departmental action against Sri Koppula Pitchaiah, HWO (Now retired) - Charges framed – IO & PO appointed – Inquiry conducted – Report received – Communicated – Show Cause Notice Issued – Representation received - Penalty of five percent (5%) cut in pension for a period of Three (3) years - Imposed – Orders – Issued.

SOCIAL WELFARE (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.285 **Dated:26.11.2025**
Read the following:-

1. From the Director General, ACB Lr. C.No.81/DES-NPK/2018, dt.08.11.2019.
2. Govt. Memo.No.SW0DSWE(VIGM)/38/2019, dt. 28.05.2020.
3. From the DG, ACB Lr. RC.No.81/DES-NPK/2018, dt.09.06.2020 & dt.03.08.2022.
4. Govt. Memo. No.SW0DSWE (VIGM)/38/2019, dt.17.08.2023.
5. Proceedings No.Rc.No.SWD-WE0DSP(ACB)/2/2018, dt.07.10.2020 of the District Collector, Prakasam.
6. Written statement of defence dt. 26.10.2020 of Sri K.Pitchaiah, HWO
7. Proceedings Rc.No.A3/11024/21/2020, dt.17.12.2020 of the Director of Social Welfare.
8. Proceedings Rc.No.A3/11024/21/2020, dt.12.08.2022 of the Director of Social Welfare.
9. From the Director of Social Welfare, e-file (Comp.no.1168642) along with Inquiry Report together with its enclosures.
10. Govt. Memo. No.SW0DSWE (VIGM)/38/2019, dt.20.01.2025.
11. From the Director of Social Welfare, e-file (Computer No.1168642)
12. Govt. Memo. No.SW0DSWE (VIGM)/38/2019-7, dt.01.08.2025.
13. Explanation dt. 19.09.2025 of Sri K.Pitchaiah, HWO (Retd.) through the Director of Social Welfare.

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O R D E R:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that the Anti-Corruption Bureau officials have conducted surprise check in Govt. Social Welfare College Boys Hostel, Markapur, Prakasam District on 04.09.2018 and noticed certain irregularities in maintenance of the Hostel. In the reference 1st read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau has furnished detailed report and recommended to initiate departmental action against Sri Koppula Pitchaiah, Hostel Welfare Officer, Govt. Social Welfare College Boys Hostel, Markapuram, Prakasam District for violation of Rules 3 (1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 on the irregularities noticed during the surprise check.

2. Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau and instructions of the Government & the Director of Social Welfare, A.P., the District Collector, Prakasam District has initiated departmental action by framing Article of Charges against Sri Koppula Pitchaiah, Hostel Welfare Officer vide Proceedings 5th read above. The Charged Officer was submitted Written Statement of Defence vide reference 6th read above, denied all charges framed against him.

3. Smt. M. Annapurnamma, Deputy Director (SW), O/o. the Director of Social Welfare, Tadepalli was appointed as Inquiry Authority vide Proceedings 7th read above and Smt. N.S.S.Aparna, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Ongole was appointed as Presenting Officer vide proceedings 8th read above to conduct regular detailed enquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer.

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4. In the reference 9th read above, the Director of Social Welfare, A.P., has forwarded the Inquiry report submitted by the Inquiry Authority, wherein, out of (9) charges framed against the Charged Officer, (2) charges i.e. Charge No.4 & 5 are held proved, (1) Charge i.e. Charge No.6 is Partially proved and (6) Charges i.e. Charge No.1, 2, 3, 7 & 9 are held not proved.

5. In the reference 10th read above, the Director of Social Welfare, A.P. was requested to communicate a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer Sri Koppula Pitchaiah, Hostel Welfare Officer (Gr-II), Govt. Social Welfare College Boys Hostel, Markapuram, Prakasam District, as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, obtain his representation if 'any' and furnish the same to Government for taking further necessary action in the matter.

6. In the reference 11th cited, the Director of Social Welfare, A.P. while forwarding the served copies and further representation of the Charged Officer, has informed that Sri K.Pitchaiah, Hostel Welfare Officer (Gr.II), Govt. Social Welfare College Boys Hostel, Markapur, Prakasam District was retired from the service on 31.01.2025 and she has requested to take further action in the matter.

7. Government, after examining of the inquiry report and material records of the case, have provisionally decided to impose 'a penalty of five percent (5%) cut in pension for a period of three (3) years against the Charged Officer Sri K.Pitchaiah, the then Hostel Welfare Officer (Gr.II), Social Welfare College Boys Hostel, Markapur, Prakasam District (Now Retd.,). Accordingly, Government have issued a Show cause Notice to the Charged Officer for calling his explanation on the proposed punishment vide in Memo 12th read above. The Charged Officer has submitted his explanation vide in reference 13th read above.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to confirm the penalty proposed against him in the Show Cause Notice and accordingly, hereby impose the penalty of five percent (5%) cut in pension for a period of three (3) years against the Charged Officer Sri K.Pitchaiah, the then Hostel Welfare Officer (Gr.II), Social Welfare College Boys Hostel, Markapur, Prakasam District (Now Retd.,) under Rule 9 (1) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Director of Social Welfare, A.P. shall take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

MUDAVATU M NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Social Welfare, A.P.,
Tadepalli, Guntur District.
Sri K.Pitchaiah, the then HWO, Govt. SWCBH, Markapur,
Prakasam District (now Retired) (**through** the DSW, A.P.)

Copy to:

The DG, ACB, A.P., Vijayawada, NTR District.
The Collector & District Magistrate,
Prakasam District.
The Accountant General (A&E),
A.P., Vijayawada.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts,
A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur District.
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner,
APVC, Velagapudi.
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// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER